

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Price delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners to grade, level, pave and repair, the streets, squares, lanes and alleys, in that part of the eastern precincts of Baltimore therein described, and for other purposes ; which was read.

Mr. Cresap delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for erecting a town by the name of Cumberland at or near the mouth of Wills Creek, in Allegany county, and for other purposes ; which was read.

Mr. Prather delivers a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to an act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned ; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Kell, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to the trial of causes in Baltimore county court. Ordered, That Messrs. Kell, Warner and Causin, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. R. Dorsey, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to an act to direct descents. Ordered, That Messrs. R. Dorsey, Potts and Harrison, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Duvall delivers a petition from William H. Marriott, of the city of Annapolis, praying to be paid his claim for services rendered as brigade major and inspector during the late war ; which was read and referred to Messrs. Duvall, Claude and H. Hall.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, the question was put, That the house reconsider the order making the report of the committee on the petition of Christopher Hughes the order of the day for to-morrow ? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, The question was then put, That the said report be made the order of the day for Tuesday next ? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Bowles, the question was put, That the house reconsider the order proposed by Mr. Kell relative to granting leave to Christopher Hughes to be heard by counsel before this house on to-morrow upon the report of the committee on his petition ? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, The question was then put, That the word "to-morrow" be stricken out of the said order for the purpose of inserting in lieu thereof the words "Tuesday next ?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The order being read throughout, as amended, the question was put, That the house adopt the same ? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 10, 1817.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly of this state, and for other purposes. The resolution in favour of the Hospital in the vicinity of Baltimore, and the resolution in favour of John J. Jacobs, a revolutionary officer, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Harrison from the committee delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Jehu Chandler, report, that the subject has been fully considered. That the following report and resolution, relative to the claim of the memorialist, passed at November session in the year eighteen hundred and eleven.

The following report and resolution relative to the claim of Jehu Chandler was taken up. The committee of claims to whom was referred the memorial of Jehu Chandler, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion, that from a resolution of the general assembly of November session 1811, adopted after the said Jehu Chandler was appointed printer to the state, varying in some measure the duties of the printer, by which means the duties were enhanced, and additional expense incurred, and that the said Jehu Chandler is entitled to additional compensation, they therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That the governor and council, in the recess of the general assembly, be and they are hereby authorised to adjust the claim of Jehu Chandler, and allow him such sum as they may in justice believe him entitled to, for any service he may have performed, or expenses incurred, beyond the ordinary services which had been performed and expenses incurred by his predecessor ; and to draw on the treasury of the western shore for such sum as they shall award to the said Jehu Chandler.

The report of the committee of claims, which accompanied the resolution in favour of Jehu Chandler state, that the resolution of November session eighteen hundred and eleven, number 64, was passed after his appointment of printer, and that the resolution varied in some measure the duties of printer, and from this concludes that he is entitled to additional compensation. The executive is thereupon authorised to decide what sum will be an adequate compensation for the increased expenses and trouble of the printer in consequence of that resolve.

It of course is not referred to the executive to say what is a just compensation to the printer for all his labour, and pay him in addition to the salary allowed by law such further sum as the work done by him was worth ; the additional duties imposed by the resolution of eighteen hundred and eleven, are to print the laws and votes and proceedings in a different form, and on different paper, which is stated to have increased the labour and expense, and also to note in the margin the day on which any resolve or law passed for all this, and no more, the executive is allowed to make compensation. With respect to his claim for publishing a second edition of the votes and proceedings, this claim, even if well founded, cannot be considered within the terms of the resolution of the late session, authorising the executive to make compensation. What was the operation of the order of seventeen hundred and ninety four, or whether it was of any operation at all, is a question evidently not referred to the executive, and not referred because the two branches of the legislature, at the extra session in June eighteen hundred and twelve, decided it themselves.

The resolve of June session eighteen hundred and twelve, number 12, imposes no new duty, but is a declaration by each branch of the legislature of a duty already required to be performed by the printer, and imposed by the order of 1794, referred to in the printer's memorial. It is not considered that the legislature had an exclusive right to decide upon the validity and operation of that order.